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Patricia L. Holland Appointed to the North Carolina Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

RALEIGH, N.C. – Civil defense firm, Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP, today announced that Attorney Patricia L. Holland has been appointed to serve on the North Carolina Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism (CJCP). Ms. Holland, a member of the firm's Management Committee and the Chair of its Employment Practices Group, has been practicing defense litigation in the firm's Raleigh office since 1982.

Established in 1998 by order of the North Carolina State Supreme Court, the Commission's primary charge is to enhance professionalism among North Carolina's lawyers. In carrying out this charge, the CJCP is required to provide ongoing attention and assistance to ensure the practice of law remains a high calling, dedicated to the service of clients and the public good.

The Commission consists of a Chairman, who is the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court or his designee; two judges serving on trial benches of the courts of the state or the United States; and one appellate court judge either from the state or federal system. Other members include two law school faculty members from accredited North Carolina law schools, seven practicing lawyers, and three non-lawyer citizens who are active in public affairs. All members, with the exception of the Chairman, serve for a term of three years.

Trish has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*® in the fields of Employment Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution; by *Chambers U.S.A.* in the field of labor and employment law; by inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* Legal Elite Hall of Fame after being selected as the top employment attorney in the State in 2006; and by *Business Leader* Magazine as a 2008 "Woman Extraordinaire and as a 2008 Triangle Impact HR and Staffing Leader. She is a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and a member of the North Carolina Academy of Superior Court Mediators.

About Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP

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